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SUBJECT: CHARGE BUZEK'S CALL ON ARMITAGE

1. CZECHOSLOVAK CHARGE BUZEK CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE JANUARY 8 TO HAND OVER SEASONS GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT HUSAK AND PRIME MINISTER STROUGAL TO PRESIDENT FORD AND FROM FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK TO SECRETARY KISSINGER. BUZEK ALSO DELIVERED COPY OF CZECHOSLOVAK PUBLICATION OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT WITH NOTE FORMALLY INFORMING USG OF ACT'S PUBLICATION. (THIS IS FIRST TIME TO OUR KNOWLEDGE ONE OF EE COUNTRIES HAS UNDERTAKEN FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION OF ACT IN PAMPHLET FORM.)

2. BUZEK TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW BILATERAL RELATIONS. ARMITAGE INFORMED HIM THAT JUSTICE FILED MOTION FOR DISMISSAL OF LAWSUIT ON DECEMBER 30, AND REITERATED THAT ONCE COURT DECIDES ON DISMISSAL WE WILL ATTEMPT TO FIND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGAIN APPROACH GOC. ARMITAGE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER WORD FROM PRAGUE THAT BOUCK DIVIDED FAMILIES CASE SHOULD BE RESOLVED SOON, AND REPEATED US DESIRE TO MOVE AHEAD ON ISSUES I.E., CULTURAL AGREEMENT, WHILE BOTH SIDES AWAIT OUTCOME OF GOLD/CLAIMS PROBLEMS.

3. ARMITAGE SAID DEPARTMENT WILL SOON TAKE INITIATIVE ON MUTUAL ABOLITION OF CLOSED ZONES. BUZEK EXPRESSED AGREEMENT THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD DO WHAT IS POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS AT EVEN KEEL, DISCUSSED BILATERAL TRADE PROSPECTS, AND NOTED THAT HE IS TRAVELLING TO OTTAWA LATER THIS MONTH TO CONSULT WITH JOHANES BEFORE LATTER DEPARTS FOR PRAGUE CONSULTATIONS. BUZEK PREDICTED JOHANES WILL ARRIVE US IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH. KISSINGER

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